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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING GROUP NO. 1642

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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

This paper is being filed in response to the Final Office Action dated March 2, 2000 for the above-identified patent application, following the Advisory Action dated August 29, 2000, a Notice of Appeal filed September 5, 2000, received by the Patent Office on September 8, 2000, and an Advisory Action dated November 24, 2000. A petition for a two-month extension of time and the appropriate fee accompany this response.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.116, Applicant requests that the application be amended as

follows.

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